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BIRTHDAYS

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NEW EMPLOYEES

ANNA V. SHANNON

TALL TALES FROM THE HILLS

"I thought I had heard all of the stories about animals climbing poles and getting on top of transformers," writes Rex Dewey from the field, "but I was stumped when the boys tried to tell me that they found a rabbit on top of a transformer when they were called out to restore service at a farm not long ago."

"Now, I had heard of birds, squirrels, and tomcats causing such trouble, but I couldn't believe that rabbits had started climbing poles. That was too much for my imagination. It was all cleared up, however, when they told me that a hawk had dropped the rabbit on top of a transformer, causing the short and blowing out the fuse."

ANOTHER FAR-FETCHED STORY

Here is a "topper" for the posthole story appearing in last week's SPAN. For this far-fetched story we are indebted to Udo Rall who has already left for Washington and isn't here to answer the consequences:

There was at one time a beautiful lattice work sign along one of the roads in Germany. Travelers knew it from afar and people of the countryside cherished it as a landmark.

One day an over-zealous architect came along and espying the lattice work decided to build a house out of the interstices. This he did leaving only the slats in the sign. This wrecked the appearance of it so much that the people got enraged, banded together, and chased him out of the country. He migrated to America where he figured his talents would be better appreciated.

THEY LED ALL THE REST

This is the space for the bowling scores, but there are no scores. Our teams are too disrupted by the move to Washington to continue. We can, however, tell you that of all the 34 teams honorable mention goes to the Winnie Watts for coming into first place, even above the men, in the bowling tournament.

Captain of the team was Bernie Gevers (one of SPAN'S reporters by the way) and her playmates were Georgia Kick, Kay Martinovich, Ann Hanlon, and Helen Clay. No one of the team ever missed a game which helped toward gaining their top honors.

END OF THE E & P P W A

The move to Washington by those divisions occupying the perches of the Arcade Building, Information and Tech. Standards, will bring about the sad end of one of the most cheerful organizations in REA—the Eighth & Pine Pigeon Watchers' Association.

Membership has been limited largely to those REA'ers with offices on the 8th Street side of the Arcade roost with associate memberships open to those who drift in from other more remote offices during spare moments. No dues or formal board of directors were ever established, the sole requirement being a penchant for discussing the habits, fads, or whimsicalities of a few hundred feathered denizens of the roof across the street.

Some pigeon personalities will be sorely missed. Take the Bull of the woods, for example. Lord of the whole roof, taking no guff from any pigeon, the Bull has reigned supreme for 10, these many months. Even Don Juan, peerless among pigeon Romeos, has had to take a back seat when the Bull spirals in for a perfect two-footed landing.

Snow White, named for obvious reasons although a feather gets tarnished now and then by the city's grime, has her (?) supporters as has Clarice, demure little faun-colored speedster who can make it from 4th to 8th Street in seven seconds flat.

Perhaps when the REA divisions re-assemble in Washington, members of the Eighth & Pine Pigeon Watchers Association will gather on occasion to reminisce over the antics of their feathered friends back in St. Louis—how they made the journey along Pine a perilous undertaking to say nothing of the dither they kept patrons of the Mark Twain in by their billing, cooing and other such carryings on.

TRIBUTE TO A DEPARTING MEMBER

There is a girl of very few words and full of modesty that we wish all the luck in the world to. She is Virginia Zimmer of the Mapping Section and although many of you don't know her, she has done a lot for you.

Virginia has devoted a portion of her time to printing the names on the REA diplomas, doing a grand job of it, too. She also has originated some of the artistic productions seen around the office, at parties, in SPAN (note masthead drawings in this issue), etc.

Glenn Kiff is sure losing a peach of a girl, but we all wish her success as she undertakes her new position as art director for the Comfort Printing Company.

JOLTS 'N' VOLTS

Fred Herzer is on the job, shipping office furniture to Washington as fast as personnel leave..... The flu germ has battered down several "Fins" among them Lee Shadwell, Myrtle Gray, and Renee Goldfarb. WANTED: Room by Madge Hopkins. If you are moving to Washington and leaving a vacancy, let her know. Station 261.

WANTED: Second hand piano, small size. Phone CE 6360 and ask for Mrs. L. Robinson.

FOR SALE: Large wardrobe trunk. Ext. 283, Rm. 1115.

Jolts 'n' Volts

Nell Bowers, the inventor, displays a sketch of a cane mill evaporator. We don't know whether the mill is electrically powered or not.....

Isabel McFadden flew down to Memphis last week-end that she might celebrate her first wedding anniversary with her husband stationed there. A kindly first lieutenant lent them his car, and we understand Memphis has had a new paint job—red.....

T/5 Marvin T. Bates sends his regards from Ft. Bliss to all his REA friends.....

Harold Hartogensis is traipsing around on a field trip way down in Arkansas. When he returns we are all going to gather around the fireside and listen to the Arkansas Traveler.....

June Koski, who used to be the messenger for the 7th and 8th floors, visited the mail unit the other day after spending a year in Michigan.....

Grace Mayhew has retired from REA, at least temporarily, as she and her husband are taking an extended vacation. When she left she said she might see us in Washington. We'll keep our fingers crossed.....

Fowler Vaughan wasn't here to pass cigars after the birth of his daughter on Thanksgiving Day down in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., but he probably smoked all the cigars he could find anyway.....

Marcus Hoverson had a birthday last week and Connie Kiser took her out to dinner.....

Maj. Wm. H. Eastman, lately sent to Yokahama, would like to hear from his REA friends. His address is 91st Military Government Co., APO 343, San Francisco.....

Two recent departees for Washington are Franklin P. Wood and Robert Peiter.....

Ask Monte Montague to tell you those three words in a foreign language he has recently learned. We haven't found out yet.....

Jimmie Vogt arrived Friday on a surprise visit from Washington. He's going to rejoin REA when the agency arrives in Washington.....

We know everyone will be glad to hear that Patty Cratty's "Bill" is home. It will be wedding bells for Patty soon. We hear he keeps that discharge button highly polished.....

The Flow and Water Department expects to flow all the way to Washington, defying the laws of gravity. F. Allen Vardy has gone forth to Washington to pave the way for the Finance Division. With such an able "path smoother" the "Fins" have nothing to worry about.....

The editor gets what she thinks is a pretty chenille creation only to have folks call it (1) a pot holder, (2) hot pad, (3) flattened out waffle, and (4) a miscarriage of justice. Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?.....

Bob McGrath and Harry Lutz will be home from the Army and Navy during the holidays.....

Patty Kluck flew the coop, so to speak. She flew down to Miami, Fla., where she expects to work for the Navy Air Corps after a short vacation—all this and heaven, too.....

We have a number of the so-called 90-day wonders working with us. Because they are only temporary we perhaps haven't absorbed them into our lives as fellow workers as much as we might have. Some of them are right lively, sprightly folks. Take that Madge Hopkins for instance. On the brink of going to War Records, she pauses to tell us she leaves carrying hot dawgs and SPAN as memories of REA. What a combination!.....

Lt. Comdr. Lester Reynolds, a natural if ever we knew one for public relations, advises us that Josephine Blades was a recent visitor to see her brother at the Hysteresis Loop in Washington.....

Sad Sight Department: Willys Gipson sitting alone at 6:30 p.m. in the Tech Standards office with the furniture they had left behind.....

Mr. K. Wilde Blackburn, new deputy administrator, made an interesting talk on "Legal Aspects of the REA Program" before the St. Louis Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Judge Paul, head of the Denver regional office, was a guest at the luncheon. Mrs. Blanche Northwood dropped in for a chat the other day. She's a sophomore now at St. Louis U., majoring in recreational work and occupational therapy, particularly as pertaining to veterans, and likes it so much.....

Hilda Edgecomb, REA's only lady engineer, and Emily Ridding are both in the Missouri Baptist Hospital for an operation. Now, they'll always have a topic of conversation.....

SPAN is to be sued for inaccuracy of facts. Mildred Roth claims we garbled the figures as to how many View Masters she bought for Christmas presents. Poor old SPAN.....

Word comes from the Hysteresis Loop, former REA hangout in Washington, that Maj. Joseph "Snuffy" Smith was a recent visitor there to see the remnants of the old gang among whom there is Lt. Comdr. Lester Reynolds.....

Latest resignee in Information is Edna Boismeau, Udo Rail's girl Friday. She will take it easy at home for a while after which she has no definite plans.....

Similarity of names in Information is getting worse. There's Irleene Lewis and Eileen O'Brien. "Irleene" and "Eileen"—that's too much. Let's toss a coin to see who has to trot out her middle name to avoid the confusion.....

Rosemary Woodworth is transferring to A.T.T.C. Region 8 in Finance is going to miss you, Rosemary. Another "Fin" to go is Verna Breiner who has been with REA for quite sometime, and her going is deeply regretted.....

Chas. Jennings, now known as the Deerslayer, was all set and primed to get himself a buck when the season opened up. So sure was he of success that he had invited some of his friends to a venison dinner. But the deer turned out to be a bull and his face has been plenty red ever since.....

After two weeks of rassling with the flu, Lillian Traylor is back at work.....

What a disappointment for Colgate U., students! They expected to find the members of a visiting football team under the voluminous clothing of a group of men arriving at the Hamilton, N. Y., railroad station. Instead, auditors from Finance's Region 1 emerged; the 30-inch snowfall in Maine accounting for their excess polar-like clothing...

Don Gindela is back from the wars, assigned to Region 5 of D & C.....

Jack Wright has a new daughter, blue-eyed blond Carol Jo born Dec. 5.....

F. B. Scott finally got his red flannels packed for the Minnesota field trip.....

Monday was a field day for REA military returnees to show up. Among them were Maj. James McCutcheon and Lt. Whitney Matthews of the Marine Corps; Navy Lieutenants Ruben Kravik and Bob MacClinchie; and Maj. Roy Zook.....

With this issue, Ida May Kent joins the ever-swelling chorus of swan song singers. Taking over the vari-type reins when Arlene Glenn left us, she has been most faithful in getting SPAN out. Now she leaves us for the Army Map Service. Thank you, Ida May, for all your efforts. The REAAA has been deeply appreciative of your services.....

While inspecting distribution properties near Renova, Pa., Bud Carroll and Leo Koberlein had an auto accident. A drunk deer hunter ploughed into their Mercury car, putting Bud into a hospital at Lock Haven and "schocking" Koberlein.....

Pat Pfeifer has left REA because she likes St. Louis. Owing to disrupted conditions arising from the move, SPAN signs off with this issue until we meet in Washington. Toodle-o.